

Five years ago, May 7, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,093,910,000,000. Five trillion, ninety-three billion, nine hundred ten million.

Ten years ago, May 7, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,437,531,000,000. Three trillion, four hundred thirty-seven billion, five hundred thirty-one million.

Fifteen years ago, May 7, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,018,050,000,000. Two trillion, eighteen billion, fifty million.

Twenty-five years ago, May 7, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$598,331,000,000. Five hundred ninety-eight billion, three hundred thirty-one million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,045,274,408,260.92. Five trillion, forty-five billion, two hundred seventy-four million, four hundred eight thousand, two hundred sixty dollars and ninety-two cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL W. CHRISTMAN

• Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the career of an outstanding soldier and a good friend, Lieutenant General Daniel W. Christman, who is retiring after more than thirty-six years of active military service. General Christman's exemplary military career, culminating in five years as the Commanding General and Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, exemplifies the professionalism and seriousness of purpose that have helped make the U.S. military the best in the world.

Prior to his service at the United States Military Academy, General Christman had a remarkable military career for over 30 years. General Christman graduated first in his class from West Point and later taught in the Department of Social Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Economics. He has held several senior executive positions in the Army, all of which have taken advantage of his unique talents for creative leadership and strategic vision. Using his training in civil engineering, he has commanded a major U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District in Savannah Georgia and headed the Army's Engineer School in the early 1990s.

Throughout his distinguished career, General Christman has played a vital role in development and implementation of some of the most important security policy issues of the last several decades. He served in the Ford Administration as a member of the National Security Council Staff. During the Gulf War, he directed a strategic planning group which advised the Army's Chief of Staff on war prosecution policies. He represented the U.S. in Brussels, Belgium as a member of NATO's Military Committee where he had active in-

volvement in the historic expansion of NATO, pursuing peace in the Balkans and military dialogue with Russia. Immediately before arriving at West Point, General Christman served for two years as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. In that position he advised the Secretary of State on a broad range of issues, including arms control with Russia and Middle East peace negotiations between Israel and Syria.

General Christman's tenure as the 55th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy has been marked by a forward thinking strategic vision and the development of a more cooperative and positive environment at the Academy. I met with General Christman soon after I was sworn in as Senator and have been greatly impressed by his leadership at West Point. His success at obtaining critical funding support has enabled West Point to continue to attract high quality young cadets willing to embark on Army careers. He helped to raise funds for the Center for the Professional Military Ethic, as well as endowments for several academic department chairs and improved athletic facilities. He helped to inspire the creation of a dynamic and forward-looking Strategic Vision for the U.S. Military Academy 2010.

General Christman's exemplary service and devotion to duty, honor and country have left a lasting impact on the U.S. Military Academy, and indeed the U.S. Army. His numerous awards reflect the respect and admiration of those who have had the privilege to serve with him. I join my fellow Senators in wishing General Christman the best of luck in his future endeavors and my sincerest gratitude for his distinguished service to his country. •

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL W. CHRISTMAN

• Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the outstanding service to our nation of Lieutenant General Daniel William Christman, the 55th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy. On June 30, 2001, General Christman will retire from the United States Army after an outstanding career of more than 36 years of service in peace and in war to the Army and the Nation.

General Christman is a modern model of the soldier-scholar. After graduating first in his class from West Point in 1965, then young second Lieutenant Christman traveled to Fort Benning to undertake the Ranger Course. He then served as a Platoon Leader and later as a Commander in the 2d Infantry Division, Korea. In 1969, he commanded a company in the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

Returning from combat, General Christman went on to distinguish himself in numerous command and staff positions with U.S. Forces, both overseas and in the Continental United States. In Europe, his assignments in-

cluded serving as the 19th U.S. Representative to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium, and Commander of the 54th Engineer Battalion in Wildflecken, Germany.

General Christman's key command positions included service as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Engineer Center and Commandant of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Commander of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Savannah, Georgia.

General Christman occupied senior executive positions in Washington, D.C. which required creative leadership and strategic vision. He served as a Staff Assistant with the National Security Council during the Ford Administration, and as Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General for National Security Affairs in the Reagan Administration. General Christman was the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy at the Department of Army Headquarters. In this capacity, he supported negotiations relating to the Conventional Forces in Europe arms control talks between NATO and the Warsaw Pact on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served as Assistant to General Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff advising the Secretary of State on a broad range of military and national security issues such as arms control with the Russian Federation and the Middle East peace negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Over the years, General Christman also found time to continue his own education. He earned a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Princeton University, and holds a Law Degree from George Washington University.

For his service, General Christman has received, among others, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Merit Service Medal and the Air Medal.

General Christman has made many valuable contributions to our nation and the Army, but I believe that he has left his most indelible mark on the United States Military Academy, the institution where he began, and will soon end his Army career. After his graduation, General Christman first returned to his alma mater in 1970 as an Instructor, and later Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences. Then in 1996, General Christman undertook his last assignment as Superintendent. For the past five years, he charted the course for officer education into the new century.

Under his guidance, the Academy crafted a new mission statement, strategic vision, and a new public funding paradigm to enable the institution to compete and excel in an era of transformation. His assessment of current needs and insight of future possibilities